

Mar. 19, 1859

The Opera "Faust" by Charles
Gounod premiered in Paris

30 JUNE 1859

EMILE BLONDIN

WALKED A
TIGHT ROPE ACROSS
NIAGARA FALLS

Mar 24, 1859

British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species" which explained his theory of evolution.

Oct 18, 1859

Harper's Ferry (W. Va.)

U. S. Marines under Col. Robert
E. Lee defeated Brown's small
band

Dec 2, 1859

John Brown was tried
convicted and hanged
on charges of treason.

1859

India

Civil discontent spread
the Indian Revolt which
was suppressed in 1859

1859
1800-1900

Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of
the Species" (1859) revolutionizes
thinking on how new species arise

1859

While Rabat E. Tee was on furlough in 1859, the John Brown insurrection broke out and Tee was quickly called upon to suppress it.

With J. E. B. Stuart, Tee took a detachment of U.S. Marines to Harper's Ferry, and there captured John Brown.

1859

Spectroscopy revealed the
Chemical composition of
the stars.

1859 (June 30)

French tightrope walker
Jean Blondin crossed the
Niagara Gorge on a steel
cable 1,300 ft long.

It took him 18 min to get
to Canada, drinking from a
bottle pulled up from
"mid of the mist" by a
string, on the way.

once he walked across blindfolded
Another time he pushed a wheelbarrow
He walked across on stilts. He stood
on his head over the gorge.

1859

Passenger elevator
first in U.S. Installed
1859 in Fifth Ave Hotel,
N.Y.C.

1859

Internal Combustion Engine
Built 1859 by Belgian-born Jean
Joseph Etienne Lenoir (1822-1900)
using illuminating gas as a fuel

1860 - the engine was used to propel a
small wagon which became the
1st gas powered "horseless
Carriage."

1859

DIXIE

Popular Song, 1859, celebrating
the "land of cotton" the American
South, by U.S. songwriter. Daniel
Decatur Emmett (Oct 29, 1815-
June 28, 1904)